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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR, GW
SUBJECT: MBFR: GERMAN POSITION ON NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS
REMAINS FIRM

1. AT A JUNE 13 LUNCHEON WITH FCO MBFR DIRECTOR ROLAND SMITH, FRG ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH REITERATED IN STRONG TERMS THE RELUCTANCE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER TABLING NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS IN VIENNA. RUTH RECITED THE STANDARD GERMAN CONCERNS AGAINST TAKING THIS STEP, ARGUING THAT THE WEST MUST NOT EVEN ALLOW THE EAST TO BE ABLE TO CALCULATE NATIONAL TOTALS FROM THE INFORMATION TABLED.

2. RUTH SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THE EAST WANTED A SERIOUS DATA DISCUSSION, BUT THE FRG PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE THE ALLIANCE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ALLIES COULD FOCUS THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS MORE ON THOSE THINGS UPON WHICH
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THEY AGREED RATHER THAN DISAGREED. RUTH WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON HOW TO TREAT "OTHER PERSONNEL."

3. RUTH SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD CARRY THE GERMAN ARGUMENTS TO MOSCOW THAT ANY MBFR AGREEMENT MUST BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PARITY AND COLLECTIV-

ITY.

4. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF THE FRG DATA DISAGGREGATION PROPOSAL, SMITH SUGGESTED THAT THE TIME MIGHT BE RIPE FOR ANOTHER TRILATERAL MEETING. RUTH INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH THE IDEA, NOTING THAT A DISCUSSION AS TO WHERE THE DATA DISCUSSION WAS LEADING US WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. RUTH POINTED OUT THAT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE WEST MAY STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SOVIET FIGURE OF 805,000. SINCE LONDON HOSTED THE LAST TRILATERAL, SMITH SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THE NEXT ONE. NEITHER SMITH NOR RUTH SAW ANY NEED TO RUSH INTO SUCH A MEETING AND BOTH AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOMETHING CONCRETE TO TALK ABOUT. RUTH INDICATED HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE THE LAST HALF OF JULY, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT MATTER IF THE MEETING WERE HELD AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER. WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION.

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